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1. IN GENERAL, DEFINITIVE DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE IN FORM SHOWING ON-SHORE VERSUS OFF-SHORE BREAKDOWN. WE HAVE REQUESTED ARAMCO ASSISTANCE AND HAVE RECEIVED REPLY THAT WHILE THEY WILL ATTEMPT PROVIDE SOME OF THE REQUESTED DATA, PERSONNEL IN POSITION TO WORK UP DATA ARE AMONG BUSIEST PERSONNEL IN COMPANY DUE TO CURRENT EXPANSION PROGRAM. DATA BELOW ASSEMBLED FROM POST'S QUARTERLY PETROLEUM REPORTS FOR 1972 AND COMPANY ANNUAL REPORTS. WILL TRANSMIT FULLER INFORMATION, IF RECEIVED. OFF-SHORE MEANS PERSIAN GULF UNLESS OTHER WISE STATED; NO DEPTHS BELOW 200 METERS. I. OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION 1972

1. ON-SHORE OIL (42-US-GALLON BARRELS):

1,566,594,488 BBL (ARAMCO)

OFF-SHORE OIL: 681,833,218 BBL (ARAMCO AND ARABIAN

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OIL CO.)

GAS PRODUCTION: NOT AVAILABLE

2. CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION:

ARAMCO: 16 BILLION BARRELS, SINCE 1938. ON-SHORE/

OFF-SHORE BREAKDOWN N/A.

ARABIAN OIL: 1,032,642,700 BBLS, SINCE 1961. ALL

OFF-SHORE (PERSIAN GULF).

3. PROVED RECOVERABLE RESERVES:

ARAMCO, OIL: 92,992,000,000 BBLS. ON-SHORE/OFF-SHORE
BREAKDOWN N/A.

ARAMCO, GAS: N/A

ARABIAN OIL, OIL: N/A

ARABIAN OIL, GAS: N/A

4. ESTIMATED TOTAL RECOVERABLE RESERVES, OIL:

ARAMCO: 133,300,000,000 BBLS.

ARABIAN OIL: 2,600,000,000 (OFF-SHORE)

GETTY OIL: 800,000,000 (ON-SHORE)

ON-SHORE/OFF-SHORE BREAKDOWN NOT AVAILABLE FOR ARAMCO.

5. TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS DRILLED IN 1972:

ARAMCO: 176 (OIL PRODUCTION, WATER INJECTION,
OBSERVATION). INCLUDES 33 OFF-SHORE WELLS, 20 FOR
PRODUCTION, 13 FOR WATER INJECTION.

ARABIAN OIL: 10 WELLS, ALL OFF-SHORE.

SUN OIL CO.: 1, DRY HOLE, RED SEA.

6. TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS PRODUCING AS OF 12/31/72:

ARAMCO: 511, INCLUDING 116 OFF-SHORE.

ARABIAN OIL: 1972 N/A. 87 PRODUCING AS OF 12/31/71;
45 OTHERS STANDING, SHUT IN, OR OBSERVATION. ALL OFF-
SHORE.

7. OFF-SHORE CONCESSIONS FOR ARAMCO AND ARABIAN OIL (BOTH
PERSIAN GULF) IN EFFECT AS OF 12/31/72; OFF-SHORE
CONCESSIONS FOR SUN OIL AND TENNECO IN EFFECT IN RED
SEA. TOTAL: 4, NONE BEYOND 200-METER DEPTH. AT END
OF 1969 ARABIAN OIL OFF-SHORE CONCESSION COVERED
1500 SQUARE MILES, ARAMCO OFF-SHORE CONCESSION 12,000
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SQUARE MILES.

8. AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED IN 1972 FOR OFF-SHORE OIL AND
GAS EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION: NOT AVAILABLE.

9. 1972 IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL: NONE.

1972 EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL: 2,051,300,729 BBLS.

1972 IMPORTS OF OIL PRODUCTS: N/A (MINIMAL).

1972 EXPORTS OF OIL PRODUCTS: 201,761,933 BBLS.

1972 EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS: NONE.

10. ALL STATISTICS (EXCEPT PARA. 4) ARE EXCLUDING GETTY
OIL (ON-SHORE) OPERATION IN FORMER NEUTRAL ZONE.
OPERATION IS SMALL. US OFFICE GETTY OIL MIGHT
PROVIDE INFO.

II. THERE ARE NO PLACER DEPOSITS CURRENTLY BEING EXPLOITED
COMMERCIALLY, NOR HAVE ANY BEEN EXPLOITED IN THE PAST. SOME
GOLD AND MAGNETITE DEPOSITS EXIST ALONG THE RED SEA COAST
NORTH OF YANBU, BUT ARE NOT BELIEVED TO BE WORTHY OF
EXPLOITATION.

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